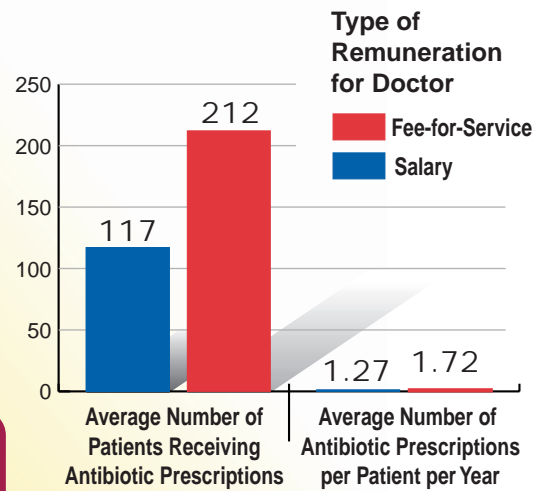


More Antibiotic Reimbursement = More \$\$

A recent Canadian study reveals that how MDs in Canada are paid significantly influences the amount of antibiotics they prescribe:

The authors said the findings "suggest that monetary factors play a significant role" in antibiotic prescription rates, a result of Canada's dominant high volume fee-for service practices.



SOURCE: Hutchinson JM, Foley RN. Methods of physician remuneration and rates of antibiotic prescription. *CMAJ* 1999;160:1013-7.